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SUBJECT: ECONADS: STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ECONCMIC
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1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS OF THE NETHERLANDS REGARDING US PAPER
ON STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION
(AC/127-WP/423). NO OTHER DELEGATION SUPPORTS NETHERLANDS' VIEW
THAT TIME FRAME OF STUDY BE EXTENDED, AND MISSION CONFIDENT IT
CAN WARD OFF ANY MOVEMENT TO ALTER SCOPE OR RESTRUCTURE SCHEME
OF ANALYSIS.

2. TEXT OF NETHERLANDS NOTE FOLLOWS:

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COMMENT BY THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES ON THE STUDY OF THE
"STRATEGIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION"
THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE IN BROAD LINES AGREE TO THE
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DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, BUT THEY
SUGGEST TO LIMIT THE STUDY TO A NUMBER OF OBJECTIVES:

ONE LISTING OF OBJECTIVES COULD BE:

1. AN ANALYSIS OF FACTORS DETERMINING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION SUCH AS INFLATION, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, GNP-GROWTH, UNEMPLOYMENT, TO ARRIVE AT A FORECAST OF ECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS FOR THE NATO-COUNTRIES AS A WHILE, AND E.G. FOR CERTAIN REGIONS IN THE NATO-AREA, LIKE NORTH-AMERICA, WESTERN EUROPE (E.C.) AND SOUTH EUROPE. THE OIL-PROBLEM WOULD BE A MAIN FACTOR HERE.
THIS ANALYSIS COULD ALSO BE DONE FOR EASTERN EUROPE: THE USSR AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT).

2. AN ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE EAST-WEST RELATIONS-SEPCIFICALLY ECONOMIC-DERIVING FROM ANALYSIS 1. IN ANALYSIS 2 ONE COULD STUDY TRADE, INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND THE EFFECTS OF THESE FACTORS FOR NON-ECONOMIC EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

3. AN ANALYSIS OF CONSEQUENCES OF 1 FOR THE DEFENCE-BUDGETS IN NATO-AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.
THIS ANALYSIS COULD SET OUT A GENERAL TREND FOR NATO OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEFENCE, INCLUDING TRENDS IN MANPOWER.
(REFERENCE: WP/127-D/500)

A STUDY ALONG THESE LINES COULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF THE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC ASPECTS IN THE SPC. MY AUTHORITIES CONSIDER IT TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST IF PERIOD OF TIME THE STUDY DEALS WITH WOULD EXTEND BEYOND 1976.

GIVEN THE PERIOD OF TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDY AND THE BROAD FIELD OF PROBLEMS RIGHTFULLY MENTIONED IN THE US-DOCUMENT, MY AUTHORITIES SUGGEST NOT TO MAKE A DEEP ANALYSIS OF CONSEQUENCES FOR THE COHESION AND STABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE, NOR OF THE RELATIONS WITH OIL-PRODUCING

AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE SPC COULD IN THIS CASE DEAL WITH THE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY PRESENTED BY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
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WHEREAS THE "OIL-PROBLEM" WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE STUDY IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ITSELF, WITHOUT ELABORATING UPON THE RELATIONS WITH OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

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